

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 16, 18-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 40 are pending in the current application, with claims 3, 9, 11, 21, 23, 26, 28, 31, 33, 36, and 38 being cancelled by this Amendment. All pending claims currently stand rejected, and all of these claims have been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 16, 18-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 40 are respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11-12, 14, 16 and 18-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat 6,285,826 to Murase et al. ("Murase"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, Applicants note that the claim has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 11 - that the playlist includes "first duration information indicating whether to display the still image for one of a finite and an infinite period of time." The Examiner alleges that Murase's playlist corresponds to the recited "playlist" and that Murase's STILL<sub>TM</sub> bit corresponds to the recited "duration information." Applicants respectfully submit that Murase does not teach or suggest that its STILL<sub>TM</sub> bit indicates to "display the still image for one of a finite and an infinite period of time;" rather, Murase suggests that the STILL<sub>TM</sub> bit indicates only whether to

display a still image at all. See Murase, Col. 10, ll. 1-45. Thus, Murase does not teach the duration information as recited in claim 1 as amended.

Further, Applicants submit that the playlist in Murase does not include the STILL\_TM bit; rather, the STILL\_TM bit in Murase is part of a .IFO file, which is in a separate root directory. See Murase, Col. 10, ll. 1-45; FIGS. 1, 4, & 5. Thus, Murase lacks a playlist **including** duration information as recited in claim 1 as amended.

Because Murase fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1, Murase cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claims 16 and 18-20 are equally allowable over Murase at least for reciting the unique features of claim 1 discussed above. Claims 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 40 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11-12, 14, 16 and 18-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

#### Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murase in view of US Pat Pub 2002/0145702 to Kato et al. ("Kato"). Applicants respectfully submit that Kato fails to cure the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Murase, discussed above. Because Murase, alone or in combination with Kato, fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, these references cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claim 7

is allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 16, 18-20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 40 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

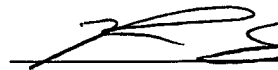
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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